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THIRTY DOLLARS
PER ANNUM.

Banks.

THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA,
LIMITED.

Authorised Capital £1,000,000
Subscribed Capital £500,000

HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG.

Court of Directors:—
D. Gillies, Esq. Chow Tung Shang, Esq.
H. Stolterloft, Esq. Kwan Ho Chuen, Esq.
Chan Kit Shan, Esq. Chief Manager,
GEO. W. F. PLAYFAIR.

Interest for 12 months Fixed, 5 per cent.
Hongkong, 23rd October, 1895. [7]

THE MERCANTILE BANK OF
INDIA, LIMITED.

AUTHORISED CAPITAL £1,500,000
SUBSCRIBED £1,250,000
PAID-UP £600,000

BANKERS:—
LONDON JOINT STOCK BANK, LIMITED.

INTEREST ALLOWED on CURRENT
ACCOUNTS at the Rate of 2 per cent.
per annum on the Daily Balance.

ON NEW FIXED DEPOSITS:—
For 12 Months 4 per cent.
" 6 " 38 "
" 3 " 28 "

J. W. R. TAYLOR,
Manager, Hongkong.
Hongkong, 18th December, 1895. [8]

THE CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA,
AUSTRALIA AND CHINA.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER, 1853.

HEAD OFFICE—LONDON.

CAPITAL PAID-UP £800,000
RESERVE LIABILITY OF SHARE-
HOLDERS £800,000
RESERVE FUND £35,000

INTEREST ALLOWED on CURRENT
ACCOUNT at the Rate of 2 per cent.
per annum on the Daily Balance.

On Fixed Deposits for 12 months... 4 per cent.
" 6 " 38 "
" 3 " 28 "

T. H. WHITEHEAD,
Manager, Hongkong.
Hongkong, 16th September, 1895. [9]

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI
BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL £10,000,000
RESERVE FUND £5,700,000
RESERVE LIABILITY OF PROPRIETORS £10,000,000

COURT OF DIRECTORS:
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BANKING COMPANY, LIMITED.

HONGKONG—INTEREST ALLOWED

On Current Account at the rate of 2 per cent.
per annum on the daily balance.

INTEREST ON FIXED DEPOSITS:
For 3 months, 24 per cent. per annum.
For 6 months, 38 per cent. per annum.
For 12 months, 4 per cent. per annum.

T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager,
Hongkong, 15th February, 1896. [10]

HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.

THE Business of the above Bank is conducted
by the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI
BANKING CORPORATION. Rules may be
obtained on application.

INTEREST on deposits is allowed at 38 PER
CENT. per annum.

Depositors may transfer at their option
balances of \$100 or more to the HONGKONG AND
SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION at 4 PER CENT. per annum.

For the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI
BANKING CORPORATION,
T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager,
Hongkong, 1st August, 1895. [11]

Notice of Firms.

NOTICE.

DURING my Temporary Absence from the
Colony, Mr. J. Y. V. VERNON, will be
in CHARGE of my Business.

ERICH GEORG,
Shareholder,
Hongkong, 3rd June, 1896. [12]

NOTICE.

LLOYD'S REGISTER OF BRITISH AND
FOREIGN SHIPPING.

ON and after This Date the Business of
LLOYD'S REGISTER OF BRITISH
AND FOREIGN SHIPPING at the Port of
HONGKONG will be carried on by the Under-
signed to whom all communications should be
addressed.

NEWMAN MUMFORD,
Surveyor to Lloyd's Register of British
and Foreign Shipping,
9, Praya Central,
Hongkong, 1st June, 1896. [13]

MEE CHEUNG,
PHOTOGRAPHER,
TOP FLOOR OF ICE HOUSE, IN
Ice-House Road.

IS now in a position, in his New and
Commodious Premises, to execute, as Photogra-
phers, ALL PHOTOGRAPHIC ART PRACTICED
in the Colony or in any part of the Far East.
GROUPS and VIEWS
especially.

Hongkong, 1st September, 1896. [14]

INSURANCES.

EMPEROR ASSURANCE CORPORATION,
LIMITED,
FIRE AND MARINE.

WE have This Day been appointed
AGENTS, and are prepared to accept
RISKS at CURRENT RATES.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & CO.

Hongkong, 28th April, 1896. [15]

THE MANCHESTER FIRE ASSURANCE
COMPANY.

ESTABLISHED A.D. 1854.

CAPITAL £1,000,000
TOTAL FUNDS AND SECURITY £1,450,053
NET ANNUAL FIRE PREMIA £757,478

HAVING been appointed AGENTS of the
above Company we are prepared to
accept EUROPEAN and CHINESE RISKS
at CURRENT RATES.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & CO.

Agents.

Hongkong, and January, 1896. [16]

NORTH GERMAN FIRE INSURANCE
COMPANY OF HAMBURG.

THE Undersigned AGENTS of the above
Company are prepared to accept First
CLASS FOREIGN and CHINESE RISKS at
CURRENT RATES.

SIEMSSSEN & CO.

Hongkong, 28th May, 1895. [17]

GENERAL NOTICE.

THE ON TAI INSURANCE COMPANY,
(LIMITED.)

CAPITAL, TAELS 600,000
EQUAL TO £633,333-33-
RESERVE FUND £315,000.00

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:
LEE SING, Esq. LO YUUK MOON, Esq.
LOU TAU SHUW, Esq.

MANAGER—HO AMEL.

MARINE RISKS on GOODS, &c., taken
at CURRENT RATES to all parts of the
World.

HEAD OFFICE, 8 & 9, PRAYA WEST,
Hongkong, 10th December, 1895. [18]

NOTICE.

THE MAN ON INSURANCE COMPANY,
LIMITED.

CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED £1,000,000.

The above Company is prepared to accept
MARINE RISKS at CURRENT RATES on Goods,
&c. Policies granted to all parts of the world
payable at any of its Agencies.

CHAU TSEUNG FAT,
Secretary.

HEAD OFFICE, NO. 2, QUEEN'S ROAD WEST,
Hongkong, 28th May, 1895. [19]

FRESH DAIRY BUTTER.

Intimations.

PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM
NAVIGATION COMPANY.

FOR STEAMERS CAPTAINS TO SAIL REMARKS

JAPAN, &c. Palawan C. Gadd About 12th June. Freight or Passage.

(Passing through the Island Sea.)

SHANGHAI, Peking F. J. Cole About 12th June. Freight or Passage.

LONDON, etc. Manila R. L. Haddock, R.N.R. About 15th June. Freight or Passage.

MARSEILLE, Rosetta G. K. Wright, R.N.R. Noon, 12th June. See Special Advertisement.

LONDON, &c. Rosetta G. K. Wright, R.N.R. Noon, 12th June. Freight or Passage.

JAPAN, Verona C. H. S. Tocque, R.N.R. Noon, 12th June. (Passing through the Island Sea.)

LONDON, Japan T. Leigh About 25th June. Freight or Passage.

For Further Particulars, apply to H. A. RITCHIE, Superintendent, Hongkong, 6th June, 1896. [20]

W. BREWER & CO.

BOOKSELLERS, STATIONERS,
FANCY GOODS DEALERS,
UNDER HONGKONG HOTEL.

JUST LANDED.

New Stock TENNIS RACKETS, TENNIS BALLS, BROWN LEATHER TENNIS SHOES,
CRICKET SETS and GAMES GENERALLY.

JUST PUBLISHED.

EXCHANGE TABLES... 1/2 to 3/6. NEW EDITION... \$2.00. [21]

Hongkong, 1st June, 1896. [22]

THREE PRIZES.

AT H.M. HOTEL.

BY H.M. HOTEL.

To-day's
Advertisements.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF
HONGKONG.
IN BANKRUPTCY.
No. 12 of 1896.

IN THE MATTER OF TAM CHI NAM, TRADING
AS YU HING LUNG.

NOTICE is hereby given that the above-named DEBTOR was adjudicated Bankrupt on the 4th instant, and that the Undersigned was appointed TRUSTEE.
Dated this 6th day of June, 1896.
ARATHOON SETH,
Official Receiver.
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ZETLAND LODGE,
No. 523, E.C.

A N EMERGENCY MEETING of the above LODGE will be held in the FREEMASONS' HALL, Zetland Street, on TUESDAY, the 9th instant, at 5 for 5.30 p.m. precisely. Visiting Brethren are cordially invited to attend.
Hongkong, 6th June, 1896. [935]

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY,
LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND TAMSUI.
THE Company's Steamship

"HAIMUN."
Captain Bathurst, will be despatched for the above Ports on TUESDAY, the 9th instant, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 6th June, 1896. [935]

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.
FOR SAIGON.

THE Steamship
"CENTAUR."
Captain Williams, will be despatched on WEDNESDAY, the 10th instant, at 3 P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.
Hongkong, 6th June, 1896. [938]

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.
FOR SANDAKAN AND KUDAT.
THE Steamship

"MEMNON."
Captain B. Branch, will be despatched on FRIDAY, the 12th instant, at 4 P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.
Hongkong, 6th June, 1896. [939]

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY,
LIMITED.

FOR PORT DARWIN, QUEENSLAND
PORTS, SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.
THE Steamship

"WHAMFOA."
Captain Newcomb, will be despatched on WEDNESDAY, the 17th instant, at 3 P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.
Hongkong, 6th June, 1896. [940]

"SHIRE" LINE OF STEAMERS.
FOR HAVRE, HAMBURG AND
LONDON.

THE Steamship
"CARMARTHENSHIRE."
Captain Sincock, will be despatched for the above Ports on or about the 27th instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUDWELL, CARLILL & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 6th June, 1896. [940]

Intimations.

A. S. WATSON & CO.,
LIMITED.

ESTABLISHED A.D. 1841.

WINE S
AND
SPIRITS.

ALL these are selected by our London House, bought direct at first hand, imported in wood and bottled by ourselves, thus saving all intermediate profits, and enabling us to supply the best growths at MODERATE PRICES.

PRICE LISTS,
with Full Details, to be had on Application.

PORT after removal should be rested a month before use. When required for drinking at once it should be ordered to be decanted at the Dispensary before being sent out.

SHERRY.—Excellent Dinner and After Dinner Wines of very superior Vintages. All are true Xeres Wines.

CLARET.—Our Clarets, including the lowest priced, are guaranteed to be the genuine product of the juice of the grape and are not artificially made from raisins and currents as is generally the case with Cheap Wines.

BRANDY.—All our Brandy is guaranteed to be pure Cognac, the difference in price being merely a question of age and vintage.

WHISKY.—All our Whisky is of excellent quality and of greater age than most brands in the market. The SCOTCH WHISKY marked "E" is universally popular, and is pronounced by the best local connoisseurs to be superior to any other brand in the Hongkong market.

We only guarantee our WINES and SPIRITS to be genuine when bought direct from us in the Colony or from our authorised Agents at the Coast Ports.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LTD.
THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY.
Hongkong, 10th January, 1896.

NOTICES TO CORRESPONDENTS.

It is requested that all communications relating to Subscriptions, Advertisements, &c., be addressed to the "Manager, *Hongkong Telegraph*, 72, Queen's Road, Central, Hongkong." Letters on Editorial matters to be sent to "The Editor" and not to individual members of the staff.

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TO ADVERTISERS.

Advertisers are requested to receive notices intended for insertion in the paper not later than Three o'clock so as to insure the early publication of the paper.

Advertisements and Subscriptions which are not ordered for a fixed period will be continued until countermanded.

The Hongkong Telegraph is the largest circulation of any English newspaper published in the Far East, and is the best medium for Advertisers. Terms can be arranged application to "The Manager, *Hongkong Telegraph*, 72, Queen's Road, Central, Hongkong." No. 1, Telegraphic "dress" is "Telegraph," Hongkong.

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The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, SATURDAY, JUNE 6, 1896.

THE FLOGGING FATALITY.

In the case of the man who died in prison the other day from blood poisoning, the result of floggings administered in the Gaol for breaches of prison discipline, the Coroner's Inquiry would appear to have been of an extremely perfunctory character and neither Coroner nor jury would appear to have done their duty in any thing like it. Death is not the ordinary or natural result of floggings very much more severe than the six and twelve strokes with a rattan administered in this case in what would appear to be the ordinary course of procedure in the Victoria Gaol.

Neither is it the intention of the law in authorising such punishments that death or any serious injury of any description should follow from their administration. The infliction of pain is the object in view, and the change from the cat to the rattan, and from the back to the buttocks, was to obviate all possibility of danger to health or life. When, therefore, death in the Gaol supervenes immediately and directly from flogging, the duty of the Coroner and of the Coroner's Jury is to find out why this wholly unexpected and unintended result followed from it, and the questions to be asked and answered are:—

First:—Was the punishment legal?—That is, justified by law?

On that point we have a good deal to say and shall say it later on. We are of opinion that the floggings in the Gaol are excessive in number and in severity, and are, a very large proportion of them, neither the letter nor the spirit of the law.

Secondly:—Was the man in a proper state of health to undergo the infliction of the first flogging? There is only indirect evidence on that point in the statement that he was passed by the doctor as fit, but the doctor who so passed him was neither called nor examined.

Special terms to HOTELS, CLUBS, MEETINGS and other Large Consumers.

Any complaints should be addressed to the Manager.

Hongkong, 12th May, 1896. [947]

Thirdly:—Was the man so completely recovered from the effects of the first whipping as to be fitted to stand a second? There was no medical evidence on this point at all, and surely with reference to this, the most material point in the case, the doctor, who is said to have passed the prisoner for punishment, should have been closely questioned. From what we know of the tremendous severity with which the cane is used in the Gaol, we doubt very much if in a week from the date of one whipping any prisoner would be in a fit state to receive another.

Fourthly:—What was the man's state of body immediately after the second punishment and why was he not taken into hospital on that day, the 26th, instead of only being received into hospital the following day?

Fifthly:—What was his treatment in hospital from the 27th May, the date on which he entered, until Dr. Bell saw him for the first time at 11 a.m. on the 1st June? During these days the mischief was done. Were the man's wounds examined by any doctor? Was the existence of these dangerous abscesses ascertained? What steps were taken to prevent the ever present danger of blood poisoning? When Dr. Bell saw the man on the 1st June he was "very ill indeed, suffering from blood poisoning." We publish the doctor's evidence in another column. At 2 a.m. of the 2nd June the man was dead, and on the *post mortem* was found to have been in a normal health, with wounds "so large and so deep" that the system was absorbing poison from the abscesses that had formed in them and could not throw it off.

The man died either from the direct result of the punishment inflicted on him, or from the gross neglect of the persons charged with his safety in the Gaol Hospital between the 27th May and 2nd June. How are the "big, large" wounds accounted for? Either they were the result of one severe flogging over another, before the effects of the first had disappeared, or of the excessive severity of the last punishment. No question seems to have been asked on the subject, and no evidence appears to have been asked for or given as to the amount of care or attention the prisoner received before Dr. Bell saw him on the 1st instant. In cases of blood poisoning an hour or two may make all the difference. The state of the man's wounds when seen by Dr. Bell, point very strongly to neglect—gross neglect—on the part of some one before that date. The Governor should order another inquest, or the Supreme Court—the Chief Justice of which had disappeared, or of the excessive severity of the last punishment. No question seems to have been asked on the subject, and no evidence appears to have been asked for or given as to the amount of care or attention the prisoner received before Dr. Bell saw him on the 1st instant. The Stewards of the Jockey Club, who telephoned congratulations to the Prince of Wales as soon as it was known that His Royal Highness had won the Derby with *Perseverance*, received the following telegram from the Prince of Wales this morning:—"Thanks kind congratulations.—ALBERT EDWARD."

In Southern Queensland there are Germans who positively buy nothing but leather and cloth. Their bread they make from their own corn; their meat is raised on the farm—sometimes pork, sometimes wallaby; they raise their own tobacco; grow their own coffee, and sometimes the sugar also with which it is sweetened.

SCENE in a Melbourne Police Court before the late investigation of the judges.

The Beak (to a specially hard looking toper): "Fined two pounds, or two months' hard labour."

Prisoner: "Well, yer Worship, I won thirty bob from you at the pub, last night. If I put ten bob to that it'll square us, won't it?"

TELEGRAMS.

REUTER'S MESSAGES.

AT LAST!

LONDON, June 4th. Mr Chamberlain has addressed a despatch to the Governor of Hongkong conveying his decision concerning the creation of additional unofficial members of Council.

TURKEY AND THE POWERS.

The Embassies of the Powers have jointly caulked the Porte against massacres in Crete. The Russian Ambassador's caution was especially emphatic.

(From the *Stam Observer*.)

THE KING OF SIAM.

BATAVIA, May 26th.

The *Maha Chakri* arrived here on the 27th instant, and their Majesties the King and Queen of Siam landed in the afternoon. The Representative of the Governor-General (who is away at Slidingsdale), the Resident of Batavia, and leading officials, together with the Siamese Consul and Luang Sunthon Kosa, proceeded by steam launch to meet His Majesty and escort him ashore.

TYphoon WARNING.

Senor José de Navarro, Spanish Consul at this port, has courteously favoured us with a copy of the following telegram, received from Manila:—

"MANILA, June 6th. Intense depression E.S.E. of Manila. The direction is now W.N.W."

In the weather report issued this morning it is stated that:—On the 6th at 10.30 a.m. a depression existed to the E. of Luson. Since yesterday the depression has fallen rapidly in Luson and the depression is probably advancing in a westerly direction at present. High pressure still covers Japan, but a quick fall of the barometer has taken place in the East coast of China, probably owing to a depression over North China. Forecast—moderate E. winds, squally and showery, increasing N.E. winds in the N. part of the China Sea.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

THE rainfall yesterday was 1.72 inches, making the total this week so far 3.82 inches.

A BOY was recently sentenced to six months' imprisonment by a Bangkok magistrate as "a man of bad character."

H.M.S. *Undaunted*, a sister-ship of the *Immortal* and *Narcissus*, arrived here this morning from Singapore.

The Burma Ruby Mines Company have, it is said, by the *Bangkok Times*, been granted a fresh lease for fourteen years on very much more favourable terms than under their existing lease.

ONE of the Russian torpedo-boats rejoices in the name *Varyag*. To procure it properly, says an American paper, you take an ounce of sand and stand on your hand for two minutes and then change it till against a stone wall.

THERE were four cases of plague to-day—two in the city and one each in Kowloon and Shau-ki-wan.

THE agent of a firewood dealer who collected moneys for his master for which he did not account was this morning "sent up" for four months' "hard" by Captain Hastings. Charge, "embezzlement."

THE Mission steam-launch *Day Spring* will call alongside any vessel holding the answering pennant, between 9 and 10.30 a.m. on Sunday, to convey men ashore to the 11 o'clock service, returning about 12.30 p.m.

THERE were 343 cases of plague in this colony during May, against 316 the previous month.

OR 693 students attending the Melbourne University last year, 193, or two in seven, were women. Of these women students 48 studied in arts, 24 in medicine, and two in science; while 143 music students no less than 129, or over 90 per cent, were women.

NUMBERS of Hongkong residents, taking advantage of the comfortable and speedy steamers which the Steamship Company has put on the Hongkong-Macao route, repairs to the Holy City from Saturday till Monday, leaving here at 1.30 p.m. and returning at 11 a.m. on Monday.

A PORTSMOUTH correspondent of the *Exchange Telegraph Company* states that proposals of a startling character have been submitted to the War Office by a committee of naval and military experts in regard to the defence of Portsmouth. It is recommended that the Esplanade Hotel on the beach and all the erections on Southsea Pier should be demolished forthwith, the reason assigned being that the buildings are in the line of sight and fire from the forts at the harbour mouth.

MISSES WM. G. HALE & CO. in their *Circular* dated Saigon 30th, May report as follows:—

Rice.—It is unlikely that there will be much change in our market now, until the season ends.

Prices fluctuate a few cents frequently, but it

means nothing more than that supplies are

more restricted some days than upon others.

If the damage by drought has not been greatly

exaggerated, which is not probable, arrivals of

grain from the interior, which are now about

25,000 piculs daily, must soon fall away.

There is moderate demand for the Philippines,

which our prices do not permit to develop,

and more disposition to ship to Hongkong, which

market seems to have improved latterly. Sailings

for Europe are—*Valkalla*, 26th instant, with

56,000 piculs; *Roma*, 64,000 piculs; *Australis*, 54,000 piculs. Quotations are as follows:—No. 1 white milled, \$3.41, No. 2 white milled, \$2.81, 10 per cent cargo milled \$2.40, 20 per cent cargo milled \$2.26. *Tonnage*.—Under a fair enquiry from Hongkong, rates have improved a little, and we record several fixtures to that destination at 10 cents. There has been nothing doing in other directions, except with Amoy, requirements of which port have been fixed at 10 cents.

THE Hon. Treasurer of the Alice Memorial and Nethersole Hospitals begs to acknowledge with thanks the following donations to the funds of the Hospitals:—

Hongkong Amateur Dramatic Club,
per E. W. Mitchell \$75
Chow Dart Tong 35
E. S. J. 10
Wm. Lyssnaught 10

SECOND GYMKHANA MEETING.

SATURDAY, JUNE 6TH, 1896.

Despite the threatening aspect of the weather during the last few days, this afternoon was most enjoyable, the cool air rendering an outing very pleasant. The track was rather holding, but this in no way detracted from the interest in the sport. There was a fair gathering of spectators, though fewer ladies than usual, and none of the high officials who usually grace these proceedings were present. The Board of the Rifle Brigade, present by the courtesy of the officers, added to the enjoyment of the spectators by playing in their usual excellent style in the intervals between the events.

The results are as follow:—

Five Furlong Race.—First prize a cup, presented by Hart Buck, Esq., with \$20 added; and \$10; weight for inches with 5 lbs added. Polo ponies and Subscription gratuities of the session 1895-96 allowed 5 lbs. Widowers of three or more 14 lbs. Entrants, \$3.

Mr. John Peel's d. The Laird, 1st 11b.

Mr. Boden 2

Mr. Gresson's g. Vagabond, 1st 11b. ...Owner 2

Mr. Noble's g. Grey Leg, 1st 11b. ...Mr. Master 3

Mr. Whitehead's ch. Kingcote, 1st 11b.

Mr. Jones 0

Captain Radcliffe's br. Borderer, 1st 11b. ...Owner 0

Captain Burney's g. Baccarat, 1st 11b. ...

Lieut.-Col. The O'Gorman 0

Captain Palmer's ch. Times, 1st 11b.

Capt. Hunt 0

A fairly good, though late, start. It was any body's race until the Straight was entered, when The Laird came to the front, with Vagabond close up. This order was kept to the finish, though Mr. Master on Grey Leg made a bold bid for second place when nearing the Grand Stand. Won by a length, with Grey Leg a good third. Time, 1 min. 23 sec.

Hurdle Race Handicap.—One mile. First prize a cup, presented with half the entrance fees; and \$20; weight for inches; \$10 added; but if left in after 2 p.m. 1st June \$3 extra.

Mr. Hollond's g. Vapour, 1st 11b. ...Mr. Boden 1

Mr. Hart Buck's ch. Voltigeur, 1st 11b.

Mr. Jones 2

Captain Loveband's g. Artxerxes, 1st 11b. ...Owner 3

Mr. Lewis's d. Blue Green, 1st 11b. ...Owner 0

Won by 20 lengths; a good third.

LADIES' NOMINATION.—Nominees to start on foot 50 yards from the winning post, run to their nominators, who will hand each man his coat which he turns inside out, puts on and buttons, runs back to his pony, which is held 100 yards from the winning post, mounts "bare back" and rides home. First past the post with coat fully buttoned to win. Six competitors, two prizes; also, three prizes; twelve, four prizes. Entrance, \$2.

Entrants will be taken on the course.

Mr. Berger, nom. by Mrs. Hawkins 1

Mr. Hollond, nom. by Miss Irene Johnston ... 2

Mr. Grayson, nom. by Mrs. Eccles. 3

This excited considerable interest, but in the end did not produce the sport expected, as it was almost a "walk-over" for Mr. Berger.

LEMON CUTTING.—Number of runs to be decided by the Committee according to length of time available. Three points for each race cut. Two points may be deducted or added for style and pace. First prize 10 per cent. of entrance fees with \$10 added; and, 30 per cent. of entrance fees. Entrance \$3.

Capt. Burney 1

Capt. Weiman 0

Capt. Palmer 0

Mr. Grayson 0

Captain Burney was the only one to make a clean cut after three tries, so he was declared the winner.

ONCE ROUND HANDICAP.—First prize \$60; second \$30. Entrants \$1, but 1st left in after 2 p.m. 1st June, \$3 extra.

Dr. Noble's g. Grey Leg, 1st 11b. ...Mr. Master 2

Mr. Gresson's g. Vagabond, 1st 11b. ...Owner 2

Lieut.-Col. The O'Gorman's d. Morrison, 1st 11b.

Mr. John Peel's d. The Laird, 1st 11b.

Capt. Radcliffe 0

Mr. Graham's ch. Diamore, 1st 11b. Mr. Jones 0

Mr. Hollond's g. Vapour, 1st 11b. Mr. Bowden 0

Capt. Radcliffe's br. Borderer, 1st 11b.

Mr. Long 0

Capt. Loveband's g. Artxerxes, 1st 11b.

Mr. Power 0

Eight only started, Grey Leg leading. The field ran all in a bunch until the Straight was entered, when Grey Leg and Vagabond had a sharp tussle for first place, the former winning by a head only. Morrison four lengths behind.

Time, 3 min. 2 sec.

SWATOW NOTES.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

SWATOW, May 5th. We are glad to have the assurance of the *Bangkok Times* that no case of plague has yet been discovered in the capital of King Chulalongkorn's dominions. It is quite bad enough for the people of Bangkok to be constantly having cholera in their midst, without fuel being added to the fire in the way it appeared to have been, from the information received from the Sanitary Board.

THE FLOGGING FATALITY.

The following is the medical evidence, taken verbatim, given at the inquest held in the gaol on the 2nd inst. upon the body of Wong Kun-pu, whom the jury found had died from blood poisoning caused by flogging:—

Dr. J. Bell, Medical Officer of the Gaol, said:—I took over the medical duties of the gaol yesterday morning. I saw the deceased first at 11 o'clock yesterday, when he was very ill indeed, suffering from blood poisoning. He had two large abscesses, one on each side of the buttocks, and large blisters, one on each side of the back, caused by flogging. I changed the dressings myself, and gave him an ounce of brandy. I ordered him another ounce of brandy at 3 o'clock, and left word that he was to have milk, beef-tea, and hot tea, *ad libitum*. I saw him again at 4 p.m., when he was somewhat better. I again changed his dressings, and left word that the milk and beef-tea should be continued. At 2 a.m. this morning I was telephoned for and came down at once. I found the man dead. I held a post-mortem examination at 11 o'clock this morning. With the exception of the abscesses on the buttocks there were no external injuries. Internally, I found the lungs congested, and clots of blood on the right side of the heart, but organically he was healthy. The clots in the heart is one of the signs of blood poisoning. In my opinion the deceased died from blood poisoning, the result of the wounds on the buttocks. The wounds were so large and so big that the system was absorbing the poison from them and could not throw it off. The man appeared to have been healthy, and under ordinary circumstances fit to bear punishment. Flogging affects persons differently.

From the evidence of the Sikh warden in charge of the hospital, it appeared that the deceased drank three-quarters of a pint of milk at 3 o'clock, and that one quarter of a pint of milk and a pint of tea were left on a stool at the side of the prisoner's cot. These were found after the prisoner's death, but whether the sick man drank any or not was not elicited. Apart from the doctor's evidence, the deceased does not seem to have been seen after 8 p.m. until shortly before his death.

BANGKOK AND THE PLAGUE.

The *Bangkok Times* called attention to this in their paper on the 13th ult., *etc.* to the cases of plague found on board the steamers *Talies* and *Oscarsdal*, from Singapore and Bangkok respectively. It expressed doubts as to the accuracy of the report published in these columns, as the vessels had both sailed out of the ports named more than the nine days alleged to be required for the incubation of plague germs. These cases were reported in the *Telegraph* on the authority of the Secretary of the Sanitary Board. The *Talies* came here *via* Swatow, so it is possible the case on board that vessel may have come from the neighbouring port and not from Singapore. There seems to be no such explanation regarding the case from the *Oscarsdal*, which is reported to have left Bangkok on the 1st May, and on arrival here on the 13th.

Just so. But nothing is done in a hurry in this Crown Colony, you know. Why, even the Governor speaks slowly; public works, too, proceed very slowly, while the apprehension of rogues who "go through" the Treasury or the Post Office and annex tens of thousands from the public funds is usually carried out at a mere snail's pace.

You seem to be getting mixed up with Treasury swindlers, Post Office embezzlers, and all sorts of horrible things. For heaven's sake, let us get to the bottom of the octopus business. You are really awfully clever at "beating about the bush."

No! It is the official octopus that can do the "beating about the bush" business in a manner that is, from a Downing Street point of view, beyond all praise. The more complex the situation, and the harder the pressure the better does he succeed in hoodwinking, or (as you so aptly termed it) "beating about the bush." In so far as the octopus never fails to beat straight with one of his cumbersome appendages, neither does the official favour one with a straight answer. In the Council Chamber—be it invariably "boats about the bush," *i.e.*, gives a strictly "parliamentary reply."

Ah! Now daylight is dawning on the subject! I fancy I can almost see the point in the composition.

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THE OFFICIAL OCTOPUS.

(Overheard under the Hongkong Hotel verandah.)

Who is that thin wan-looking man that came out of the Club just now?

Do you mean the light-haired, pale-faced gentleman of middle height? A very ordinary, every day sort of man, whose thin understandings wags as he walks, looking like reeds shaken by the wind, but which nevertheless carry him rapidly in the direction of the Sanitary Board Offices?

Yes, that is an official octopus.

Oh, that is an official octopus.

An official octopus! Good gracious, what on earth is that?

It is a biped of the species designated *Uroctopus*, brought up, for the most part, on the fat of the land, who after having a fair training and education are pitchforked into some sort of billet in the service in which their fathers and great grandfathers have flourished for years and years.

Is that all? I fail to see that you have shown any reason why the officials should be likened unto the marine monster which you just now named.

You don't see it yet, perhaps, but you will before I've finished talking. Why don't you let me get on with my story, instead of trying to shut down on me like an official octopus bouncing an Unofficial when he holds out in Council for the rights of the people and all-round fair play?

"Bouncing an Unofficial!" Dear me, you are getting me in a greater fog than ever.

Indeed! Why, I thought it was only the Unofficials who got "fogged" when either brown-beater or dazed by a volley of parliamentary verbiage and a cannoneade of figures which some official spokesman is "put up" to get off with a view to mixing things up to such an extent that all hands are glad to hear the words—"I move that this Council adjourn until this day fortnight," uttered in sepulchral tones.

Pardon the interruption, but really we don't seem to be getting down to an analysis of the "official octopus."

Just so. But nothing is done in a hurry in this Crown Colony, you know. Why, even the Governor speaks slowly; public works, too, proceed very slowly, while the apprehension of rogues who "go through" the Treasury or the Post Office and annex tens of thousands from the public funds is usually carried out at a mere snail's pace.

You seem to be getting mixed up with Treasury swindlers, Post Office embezzlers, and all sorts of horrible things. For heaven's sake, let us get to the bottom of the octopus business.

What! Don't speak so loud! Some of the barnacles of an old octopus may be white hearing, and, if so, will quickly give us away, no matter how smart a man, he may be or what his talents and special qualifications for any special post, his chances of getting promotion, in any shape or form, are gone once and for ever, if an octopus gets a "down on" a fellow, no matter how smart a man, he may be or what his talents and special qualifications for any special post, his chances of getting promotion, in any shape or form, are gone once and for ever,

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